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9. A cell death inhibitor as set forth in Claim 7 or 8, wherein inhibition of the necrotic cell death is evaluated according to loss of nuclear stainability by cell membrane impermeable fluorescent dye propidium iodide.

10. A cell death inhibitor as set forth in Claim 7 or 8, wherein inhibition of the necrotic cell death is evaluated by prevention of reduction of mitochondrial dehydrogenase activity.

11. A cell death inhibitor as set forth in any one of Claims 7 to 10, wherein the anion channel-forming peptide is a VacA protein derived from *Helicobacter pylori*.

12. A cell death inhibitor as set forth in any one of Claims 7 to 10, wherein the anion channel-forming peptide is a glycine receptor channel variant peptide.

13. A therapeutic drug comprising a cell death inhibitor as set forth in any one of Claims 7 to 12 and being used for treating disease caused by cell death.

14. A therapeutic drug as set forth in Claim 13, used for treating disease caused by glial cell death.

15. (NEW) A cell death inhibitor as set forth in Claim 11 or 12, inhibiting death of glial cells.